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Winnipeggers surprised at Pope selection

Pope Francis. Local rector says pick is 'interesting' due to contemporary church demographics

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The rector at the University of Manitoba's Catholic college said he expected to be surprised at the choice for the next pope and, one could say, this belief was prophetic.

Christopher Adams, rector of the University of Manitoba's St. Paul's College, said like most of the world's Catholic faithful and the media, 76-year-old Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was not on his list of contenders.

But, he added, if he'd taken a closer look at Bergoglio, now known as Pope Francis, he would have seen the potential there as the first pontiff from the Americas.

"I think the real interesting thing here is the demographics of the church in the world right now is far less Euro-centric," said Adams, adding a good number of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics are now found outside of Europe.

"In many ways, this reflects the church looking to the Americas and other areas of the world."

Adams said that as an educator, he finds Pope Francis's Jesuit background of interest — Jesuits are known for their emphasis on education — and is looking forward to seeing how this may affect Bergoglio's papacy.

Mark Eismendi, president of the Argentinean Manitoban Association, said he was also surprised at Bergoglio's selection and thought it was Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet who'd be chosen.

"I'm not sure if (Pope Francis) is a traditionalist or a modernist — I guess we'll find out soon," he said, adding that the Catholic faithful in Argentina are probably "going crazy there."

Eismendi said Argentina and Italy share close cultural ties and Bergoglio's Italian ancestry already makes him a bridge between the new and old worlds.

NEW MAN IN VATICAN

Pope Francis waves to the crowd from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday. Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, who chose the name of Francis, is the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. More coverage, page 6.

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Winnipeg to bid on 2017 Canada Summer Games

'Ours to lose.' City banking on millions in tourism dollars

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Winnipeg's bid to host the 2017 Canada Summer Games cleared its first hurdle at city hall on Wednesday, with the approval of a $3-million capital contribution.

The bid comes on the heels of Brandon losing its bid to host the Games, which coincides with Canada's 150th birthday and the Games' 50th anniversary, due to not having an adequate-sized pool.

Hubert Mesman, co-chair of Winnipeg's bid committee, said the city's hosting of other major sporting events, like the 1967 and 1999 Pan American Games, proves it can take on the challenge of welcoming 4,500 Canada Games athletes, 10,000 coaches and officials, as well as 20,000 out-of-province guests.

"It's ours to lose," said Mesman, who was part of the '99 Pan Am Games committee.

Mayor Sam Katz, who brought forward the motion during Wednesday's executive policy committee, said hosting the Games will have a positive economic impact on the city, pointing to Halifax which saw "about $130 million ... pumped into the economy."

In addition to the economic benefit, Katz said the matching funds from the governments of Manitoba and Canada, for a $9-million total, will likely be put towards a "legacy project."

What will it cost?

- **Tally.** The total cost for the Games is estimated at $26 million, to be shared mainly by the provincial and federal governments, the $3 million from the city, $9 million raised from the private sector, and ticket and merchandise revenues.

Hubert Mesman, co-chair of the Winnipeg bid committee, said the 2017 Canada Summer Games will be a "cornerstone" event during the country's 150th-birthday celebrations. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Mayor surprised by justice minister's comments

Mayor Sam Katz speaks to media Wednesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Mayor Sam Katz said he's surprised at comments made by Manitoba's Justice Minister Andrew Swan in which he shows concern about background checks for the members of the new Winnipeg Police Board.

Five appointments to the board received the approval of the city on Wednesday, but the province's nominee has not yet been established.

Recently, a potential nominee expressed concerns over Winnipeg police doing the background checks on the people nominated to the board.

"Both the province and the city were very well aware of the fact that these very thorough checks were being done by the Winnipeg Police Service, everybody has to go through it — that's pretty standard right across the country," said Katz.

"We informed the minister, Minister Swan, that if this was their decision, it's unfortunate, but then they'd have to come up with another candidate and they said they would, so I was actually quite surprised at some of the comments that were made by the minister."

The committee approved the selections of Coun. Scott Fielding (St. James-Brooklands), Coun. Thomas Steen (Elmwood-East Kildonan), lawyer Paul Edwards, Mary Jane Loustel — national aboriginal program executive at IBM — and businessman Glenn Karr.

The motion states the members of the board will serve a term that expires on Oct. 31, 2014, and named Fielding as chairperson and Edwards as vice-chair.

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Another try

Mayor Katz to run again?

Winnipeg's hosting of the 2017 Canada Summer Games may just ensure a fourth run at mayor for Sam Katz. When asked if he was looking forward to being mayor during the Games, Katz said, "Wouldn't that be wonderful?"

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Exhibition

Art stays at the Convention Centre

The Winnipeg Convention Centre received the blessing from the city's executive policy committee to continue to showcase aboriginal artwork by Christiane Laengin.

EPC approved a 15-year agreement with the Convention Centre Corporation allowing it to exhibit Laengin's works, which were donated to the city this past December, until Dec. 31, 2027.

The Convention Centre isn't being charged by the city for exhibiting the works, but is responsible for the costs associated with showing the art.

The city's Christiane Laengin Collection consists of 67 works of art representative of the Woodland Art Movement.

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Funding gap

Meeting over rapid transit 'very positive'

Mayor Sam Katz said he had a "very positive" meeting earlier this week with Minister Ron Lemieux on the $20-million funding gap between the city and the province on the second phase of rapid transit.

"We know the monies that are required," said Katz, referring to the $137.5 million the city hopes the province will match.

"I believe that both the city and the province want to make this happen, and it will."

The province has made it clear it's funding one-third of the project, which would total about $116.7 million.

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Pope sworn in, Christmas Tree comes down

City of Winnipeg workers remove lights from the Christmas Tree on Wednesday morning. The tree will be taken down and recycled into compost and wood chips. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Inquiry cost rises to $6M

Another delay.
Phoenix Sinclair inquiry pushed back

The cost of an inquiry into the death of a young Manitoba girl has risen to more than $6 million — a figure expected to climb as the hearing encounters yet another delay.

The Manitoba government has approved another $1.4 million, for the fiscal year that ends March 31, to fund the review of Phoenix Sinclair's death.

That's on top of $4.7 million originally budgeted, and more money is expected in the upcoming fiscal year.

The inquiry started last fall but has been delayed several times, most recently over concerns that one lawyer is in a conflict of interest because he represents regional child-welfare authorities and some employees.

Struthers said Wednesday the government is willing to put up extra money.

Phoenix was five years old when she was beaten to death by her mother, Samantha Kematch, and the woman's boyfriend, Karl McKay, in the basement of their home on the Fisher River reserve. Her death went undetected for nine months until McKay's former common-law partner learned of the death and called police.

The inquiry suffered setbacks from the start. The Manitoba Government and General Employees Union, which represents social workers, tried to scuttle it by arguing it didn't have the authority to look at systemic issues. The union also fought for a publication ban that would have prevented social workers from being identified in the media.

The union lost both battles.

The inquiry isn't to resume until April 15.

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Basement blaze causes $150K in damages

A woman was treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in the basement at 448 Albany St. at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday and spread to the main floor. Firefighters said the blaze was responsible for about $150,000 in damages. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Get Carrie'd away

Sex and the City event to bring NYC glamour to Winnipeg

Mix up a cosmo and get ready to party like a New York socialite.

The Arthritis Society, Manitoba/Nunavut Division's annual Sex and the City-themed fundraiser returns this week.

After a successful first event in the fall of 2011, organizers of this year's Sex and the City Premiere Event are expecting an even bigger turnout with a change in dates and a move to the Park Theatre this Thursday night.

"All money raised supports arthritis research, education and programming," explained organizer Genny Sacco-Bak. "The reason why we wanted to do something like this is because of the 250,000 (in) Manitoba who live with arthritis, 64 per cent are women."

Attendees will mingle with models from the Foxy Shoppe and Divine & Conquer along a red carpet — past the camera flashes of those pesky paparazzi — and stop at the martini bar for cosmos and appetizers before being treated to a screening of the first Sex and the City movie.

The night will also feature four lovely local media-types hosting in the roles of Carrie, Samantha, Miranda and Charlotte, and Filipino Journal publisher Ron Cantiveros in shoes only he can fill — as Mr. Big.

Tickets are $50, which include a $25 tax receipt, and can be purchased online at arthritis.ca/satc, by calling 204-942-4892, or at the door. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Last March 13, temperatures of 12 C saw Darren Yewchyn open his Smoke'n Bob's hotdog stand outside 201 Portage Ave., the earliest he's ever been out. This year, temperatures are hitting double-digits, but on the wrong side of freezing, and only a snow bank could be seen outside the building. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Hey, Winnipeggers — remembrrrr last March?

Hot and cold.
It was talk of golf, hotdog stands and motorcycles this time last year

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It feels like a chilly cosmic joke.

Last year March 13 saw Winnipeggers enjoying sunny skies in shorts and sandals as the mercury hit 12 C — this year our shorts and sandals remain in the closet with temperatures dropping well below normal.

There's even snow expected Sunday and Monday, according to Environment Canada.

"Long range looks pretty chilly still, so it could be another three weeks before we're out," said Darren Yewchyn, owner of Smoke'n Bob's hotdog stand, who made the front page of Metro exactly a year ago selling dogs in front of 201 Portage Ave. "I'd hope to be back out a little closer to April, which is a little closer to typical for us."

Last year's abnormally hot March — which had Winnipeggers enjoying beer on patios by St. Patrick's Day — marked the earliest Yewchyn has ever opened shop in 22 years of business, but he said it evened out when the weather turned in early October.

"We had a nice early start but we had an early finish too," he laughed. "Hopefully we'll bring a better October with the later start this year."

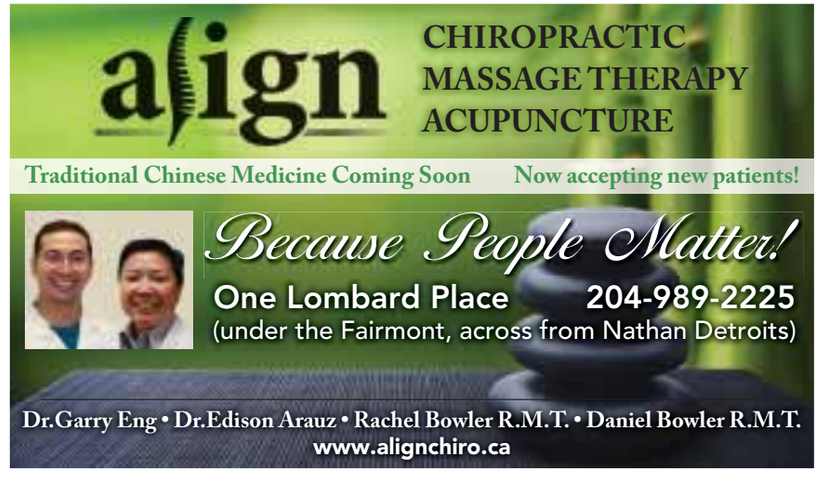
Although Environment Canada called for a slightly nicer day Thursday with temperatures forecast around –4 C, Breakfast Television's weather specialist Jenna Khan told Metro we shouldn't get used to it.

"Normal for this time of year is –1 C, and we're actually looking to drop to –14 C by Friday and stay in those minus double-digits through the early part of the weekend," she said.

"As warm as it got last year, we're undoing all of that this year."

Bob Seger brings his old time rock 'n' roll to the 'Peg

An estimated crowd of 9,000 mostly middle-aged Winnipeggers didn't forget to head to the MTS Centre Wednesday night to see Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band. The Detroit rocker and his band rolled through town as part of their Rock and Roll Never Forgets Tour. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Hail the humble Pope

'Good evening.' After one of the fastest conclaves in years, an ecstatic world greets the new man in the Vatican

The euphoria: Cheers ring out from the crowd in St. Peter's Square in Rome as white smoke is sighted rising from the Sistine Chapel's chimney. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Habemus Papam — We have a pope!

A cacophony of welcome swept the world on Wednesday after Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected Pope in a conclave that ended with astonishing speed.

"Brothers and sisters, good evening," the new Pope Francis — looking stunned — said shyly from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to wild cheers.

"You know that the work of the conclave is to give a bishop to Rome," he went on.

"It seems as if my brother cardinals went to find him from the end of the Earth, but here we are. Thank you for the welcome."

Bergoglio, 76, becomes the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

And by choosing the name Francis, he associates himself with the humble 13th-century Italian preacher who lived a life of poverty.

Across the planet, Latin Americans burst into tears and jubilation at the news that the region, which counts 40 per cent of the world's Catholics, finally had a pope to call its own.

"It's a huge gift for all of Latin America. We waited 20 centuries. It was worth the wait," said Jose Antonio Cruz, a Franciscan friar in the Old San Juan district in Puerto Rico.

Elected on the fifth ballot, Francis was chosen in one of the fastest conclaves in years.

Tens of thousands of people who braved cold rain to watch the smokestack atop the Sistine Chapel jumped in joy when white smoke poured out, many shouting "Habemus Papam!" or "We have a pope!"

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A cleric who cares. New Pope often rode the bus and helped the destitute

As a cardinal, Jorge Mario Bergoglio — the new Pope — rode the bus and visited the poor.

He was known all over Argentina for caring for the destitute.

Bergoglio was born in December 1936 in Buenos Aires, one of five children of an Italian railway worker.

He had a lung removed when he was a teenager due to an infection.

He studied chemistry and then philosophy at university before teaching literature and psychology in Argentina.

He joined the Jesuit order in 1958 before being ordained a priest in 1969.

From 1973 to 1979 he served as the Jesuit provincial in Argentina, then in 1980 became the rector of the seminary where he studied.

He served there until 1986, after which he completed his doctorate in Germany and returned to Argentina.

He was appointed Buenos Aires city archbishop in February 1998 and made cardinal by John Paul II in February 2001.

Bergoglio created new parishes, restructured administrative offices and began new pastoral projects, helping to recover the church's traditional political influence in society.

He has also been critical of Argentina's decision to legalize gay marriage in 2010.

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Jorge Bergoglio regularly visited the slums of Argentina's capital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Garneau drops out, supports Trudeau

Federal Liberal leadership. 'I cannot mathematically win,' former contender says

Marc Garneau dropped out of the federal Liberal leadership race on Wednesday and threw his support to front-runner Justin Trudeau, declaring the outcome "a fait accompli."

The Montreal MP's decision followed an internal poll conducted by his campaign last week, which Garneau said showed Trudeau has the backing of 72 per cent of Liberal members and supporters.

Garneau said he was a "solid second" with 15 per cent, followed by Vancouver MP Joyce Murray with just over seven per cent and former Toronto MP Martha Hall Findlay with just over five per cent.

"I have done my numbers. I cannot mathematically — and I'm a person who believes in math — I cannot mathematically win," Garneau told a news conference.

MP Marc Garneau
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'm not into denial. The numbers indicate very clearly that Justin is the overwhelming favourite."

However, Murray said she puts no stock in Garneau's survey, the methodology of which her camp finds highly suspect. She said it won't influence her decision to continue her campaign, which has enjoyed a late burst of momentum.

Garneau's automated phone poll asked 6,000 Liberal supporters and members to indicate whether they favoured Garneau, Trudeau, Hall Findlay or Murray.

It was not a survey of registered voters.

Murray said she was surprised by Garneau's decision to endorse Trudeau, given that he has repeatedly said a coronation is not in the party's best interests and has accused the front-runner of lacking policy depth, experience and leadership credentials.

Worried that some 100,000 people who didn't provide email addresses — the bulk of whom are Trudeau supporters — will be disenfranchised, the front-runner is seeking a one-week extension of Thursday's registration deadline. The Murray, Hall Findlay and Martin Cauchon camps oppose an extension. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Making time to smell the goats

PM Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, stop to pet a goat, the mascot of the Governor General's Foot Guards, while waiting for the arrival of French PM Jean-Marc Ayrault on Parliament Hill on Wednesday. The Harper government will use the visit to burnish its tarnished reputation in Europe. France and Canada will sign a joint declaration Thursday on an initiative to create biofuels from seaweed. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montana

Death penalty survives repeal bid

A proposal to abolish Montana's death penalty has failed again, a blow for Canadian Ronald Smith, a convicted murderer who has been on death row in the state for 30 years.

A bill to repeal capital punishment didn't get past a judiciary committee which, for the fourth time in eight years, voted to table the bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Victoria

Would-be robber nabbed in return to bank: Police

Would-be bank robbers, listen up. If at first you don't succeed, don't go back to the scene of the crime to check on the investigation.

A 39-year-old Victoria suspect is in jail after an employee spotted him peering in the bank's windows as officers responded to an attempted heist earlier in the day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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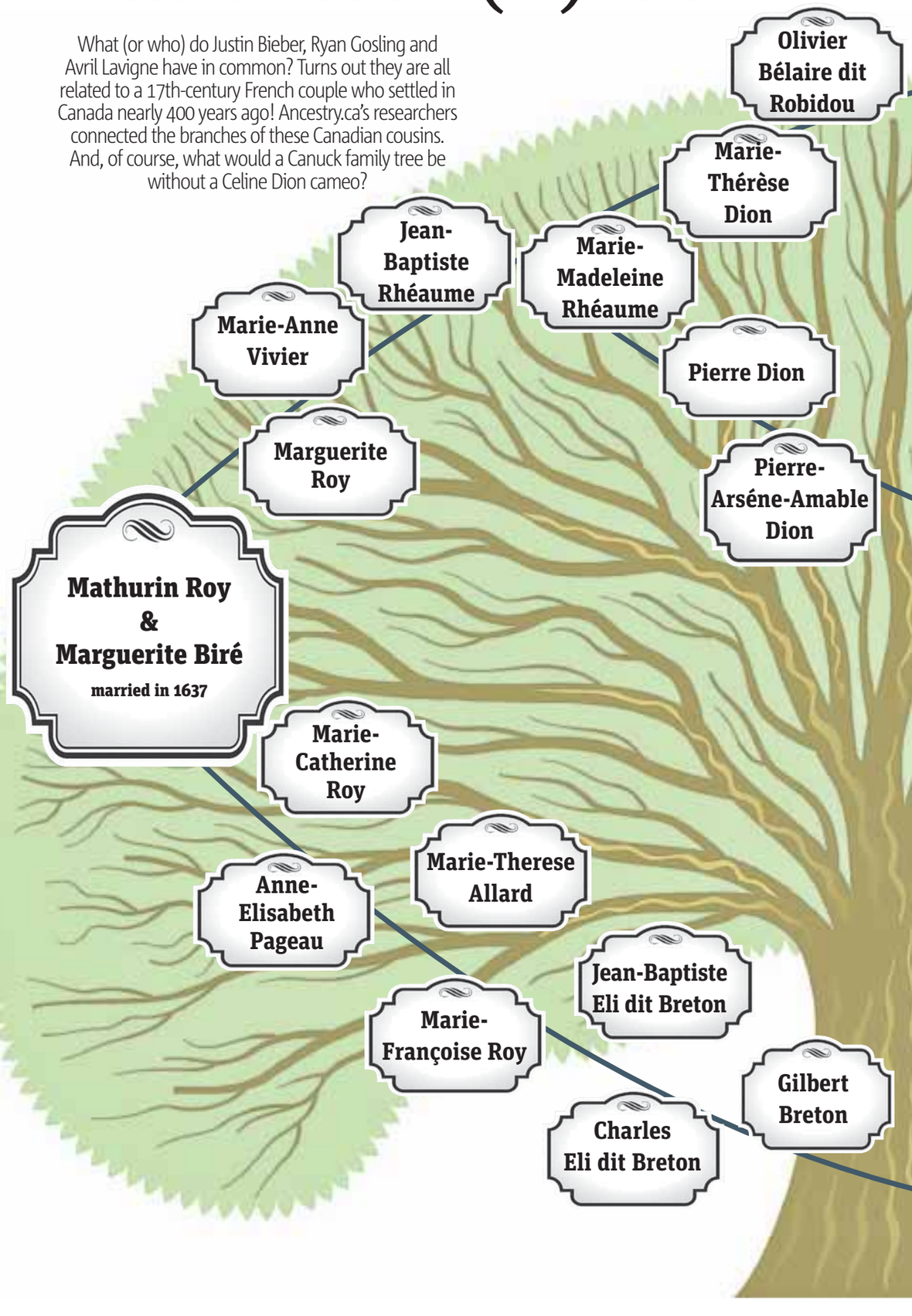
Oh, Canada

Being related to Rachel McAdams, Ryan Reynolds or Seth Rogan? Totally cool. Pamela Anderson? Not so much.

A talented t(h)ree

What (or who) do Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling and Avril Lavigne have in common? Turns out they are all related to a 17th-century French couple who settled in Canada nearly 400 years ago! Ancestry.ca's researchers connected the branches of these Canadian cousins. And, of course, what would a Canuck family tree be without a Celine Dion cameo?



The Canadian connection

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Researchers at Ancestry.ca have discovered that Canadian prince and gangster-in-training Justin Bieber is related to Ryan Gosling, Celine Dion and Avril Lavigne.

Bieber and Dion are 10th cousins. Gosling is Bieber's 11th cousin once removed (what does "removed" even mean? I have a couple family members I wouldn't mind having "removed"). Bieber and Lavigne are 12th cousins.

Let's put this in perspective. Considering its size, Canada is sparsely populated. And I'm going to take a guess that a large portion of that population can be found squished into southern Ontario and Alberta. We're probably all 12th cousins. Heck, you might have a better chance of a Canadian celebrity cousin than rolling up a winning rim on a coffee cup.

So who's your celebrity kinfolk? Don't you want to know? Maybe you can't put down your iPhone because Alexander Graham Bell is your eighth great grand something? Or you love burnt toast because Dr. Wilder Penfield's blood flows through your veins. Clearly, I have watched way too many Canadian Heritage commercials.

When you grow up in a trailer park like I did, you tend to stay away from researching your family tree for fear that the stereotypes might be true and you're missing a few important branches. But now I'm dying to find out.

What rich and famous cousins could I be mooching off like only family can?

I could spend my days lounging in cousin Shania's infinity pool. Then crash at cousin Keanu's guesthouse at night. Maybe cousin Seth Rogen could come over and we'll work on a movie script! And when my meddling 13th cousin Rachel McAdams starts asking when I'm going to get a "real" job, I'll storm off in a huff into the loving arms of my kissing cousin Ryan Reynolds. I'll cry into his hard-bulging chest and he'll comfort me with soothing whispers in my ear, while my cousin-in-law Blake Lively seethes with jealousy.

Who am I kidding? Knowing my luck, I'll be related to Pamela Anderson and have to lend her money to help pay her taxes.

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The sexy cousin

Ryan Gosling

An 11th cousin once removed from Justin is none other then heart throb Ryan Gosling. The Oscar nominee and the Juno winner are related through Mahurin Roy and Marguerite Biré, who immigrated from France to Quebec in the mid-1600s.

The wild cousin

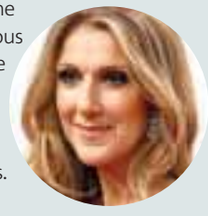
Avril Lavigne

Both Canadian singers, who started their road to stardom when they were teens, share a common family ancestor that goes back 400 years to some of Quebec's earliest settlers. According to Ancestry.ca researchers, Lavigne and the Biebs are 12th cousins.

Family sing-a-long anyone?

Celine Dion

If JB needs some family mentorship, he need look no further than the illustrious Celine Marie Claudette Dion. They are 10th cousins three times removed through Jacques Vezina and Marie Boisdon, who both immigrated to Quebec from France in the mid-1600s.



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Metro asked you to share interesting branches you have in your family tree. Here's what you tweeted:

@thepolishviking

#metrofamous A Danish ancestor of mine in the 12th century claimed he was a wizard on a census form...

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My ancestors were baptized by (and I believe related to) Menno Simons. The founder of the Mennonites #metrofamous

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Henry Ford (the car guy) great-grandfather's first cousin. #metrofamous

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Tomorrow

You think this tree goes way back? How about 100,000 years back? Tomorrow we look at how microscopic mtDNA can tell you even more about how you got here.

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Cyber crime. Going away? Don't bank on the Wi-Fi

Travellers should be wary of cyber-threats on vacation as they access free wireless networks with their smartphones, tablets or laptops, says software security company Symantec Corp.

Canadians travelling for March break and into the summer season shouldn't be doing things like pulling up their bank accounts on Wi-Fi networks, said Lynn Hargrove. director of consumer solutions for Symantec Canada.

"What people don't realize is that there's no security on those Wi-Fi networks for the most part," she said. "It's a great way to keep in touch while you're on vacation, but there are some inherent risks that come with it that people just aren't thinking about."

Symantec has found that two in 10 Canadians pull up their bank accounts on free Wi-Fi networks in Canada.

According to the firm's 2012 Norton Cybercrime report, travellers are often victimized through their mobile devices while abroad, often by text messages.

Travellers should be more cautious about using free wireless networks while on vacation, a security firm says.
ANDREW WARDLOW/THE NEWS HERALD /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"We're seeing a lot of fraudulent texts asking you to click on a link or go and dial a number to retrieve a voice mail," Hargrove said.

And the wealth of information stored on a smartphone — pictures, texts, emails, contact lists, work documents, banking information — can be valuable to cyber-criminals if stolen or lost, Hargrove said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Tablet for women' targets Middle East consumers

Pink, perky, pandering. Preloaded apps cover yoga, perfume, cooking and grocery shopping

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The world's "first tablet for women," complete with a pink background and weight-loss apps, is being condemned as sexist.

Eurostar Group, the Middle East-based creator of the device, says the ePad Femme is designed for a woman's "diverse lifestyle." Based on the preloaded selection of apps, that lifestyle includes shopping for groceries, cooking and doing yoga.

Speaking with the Jerusalem Post, Eurostar spokesperson Mani Nair said the Android-powered device "makes a perfect gadget for a woman who might find difficulties in terms of downloading these applications." Nair insisted nothing about the tablet was sexist, and compared it to similar products geared towards gamers. However, others disagree.

The ePad Femme is being marketed as the "first tablet for women."
FACEBOOK/EUROSTAR GROUP

"There have always been special books for women concerning sex, how to please your husband, and what to cook for him," Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger told the Post. "This is just using technology for the same thing."

In Saudi Arabia, women are often highly educated, but not allowed to drive or travel without a male escort. As a result, Al Nafjan says they spend a lot of time online and are fully capable of downloading their own apps.

"Whoever made this tablet doesn't understand us very well," she said. "We are home all the time and we are extremely tech-savvy."

Eurostar has sold about 7,000 units of the tablet since its October launch.

Quoted

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Eman Al Nafjan, a Saudi feminist blogger, speaking to the Jerusalem Post

New agreement

Ottawa gives Air Canada time to fix pension shortfall

A move by Ottawa to help Air Canada deal with a $4.2-billion deficit in its pension plan gives the airline some breathing room as it works to launch a new discount service. But the rules imposed on Air Canada in exchange may turn off other firms looking for the same help with their pension plans.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposed rules

EU measures aim to help stranded airline passengers

The EU is considering beefed-up measures to help stranded airline passengers get compensation and find quicker ways to get home. EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas said the rules would mean that if carriers can't reroute passengers themselves within 12 hours they must find another airline or other transportation.

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CURLY FRIES STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT

HE SAYS

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After a nonstop string of feel-good stories and glowing press, Facebook — the little company that could — has finally been hit with some criticism.

The heretofore infallible website stumbled into the media spotlight for the first time this week when it was revealed that its users might have reason for some — wait for it — privacy concerns. It turns out that hitting "like" on certain Facebook groups or events can reveal more about you to advertisers than might be apparent.

Strike 1, am I right?

A University of Cambridge study (like it on Facebook!) showed that running somebody's Facebook likes through a computer program could give you a decent indicator of that user's gender, race, religion and sexual orientation, not to mention their favourite colour, tooth health, Super Mario high score, social-security number and how good they are in bed (within five per cent).

You might be tempted to call it a modern-day horoscope, but it's just the opposite, because it works.

For instance, it was shown that you could predict a high IQ in a user if they liked thunderstorms, The Colbert Report, science and curly fries. Facebook users who liked the group Eating Curly Fries While Watching Thunderstorm Science on The Colbert Report were mostly employees at the CERN particle accelerator in Geneva.

(It should be noted, though, that the spuds-smarts relationship might just be a coincidence, highlighting the classic logical fallacy of mistaking curly fries for causation.)

The researchers said that most of the computer's predictions were made through indirect connections — it wasn't guessing people were homosexual and Muslim because they liked Homosexuality is Halal (real group!). Instead it was, for instance, successfully predicting homosexuality from choices such as liking the TV show Glee.

I'd argue the bigger privacy concern for somebody who "likes" Glee is the fact it reveals you like Glee, but what do I know?

Other than the twist of the curly fries (ha!) this all seems straightforward to me. Many media outlets played up the report as if it was a shocker, but if you haven't figured out by now that Facebook is going to peruse, parse and package your information any way that it sees fit, then there's a Brooklyn Bridge auction on eBay we should discuss.

I'm no fan of Facebook. It's clear from their many previous transgressions that Facebook (like Google) thinks privacy is passé, maybe even dishonest. The site's new graph search that allows you to search for, say, "friends of friends who live in California and like Katy Perry and Nine Inch Nails" (23 results!) is so fascinating/icky that it feels like a new type of pornography.

But it shouldn't be a surprise anymore.

People will always have the right to raise privacy concerns, and the right to disconnect from Facebook, but if you're surprised by their disregard for your privacy after almost a decade then there's only one solution: Eat more curly fries. All will become clear in time.

ZOOM

Torrential photography

TOMÁS BOGÓNEZ/SOLENT

Tornado is illusion under acidic water

It looks like a giant tornado is causing mayhem in the sky, but this image is simply the reflection of a river running through a mine.

To create this stunning moment, photographer Tomás Bogónez has rotated the picture to appear like a huge fiery cyclone. The image was taken in Río Tinto river in Huelva, southwest Spain. METRO

Upside-down view

"The texture of the river was mind-blowing, the bright colours and the reflection of the river were amazing to see."

Tomás Bogónez

Colours are metals and minerals

The area around Río Tinto has been mined for more than 5,000 years. After centuries of exploiting the site, the waterway has become very dense, acidic and low in oxygen.

NASA scientists have even studied the ecosystem because of its similarities to Mars. The river's vibrant hues of red, ochre and violet are caused by the dissolved metals and minerals. METRO

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Twitter's perpetual parade of parody accounts never fails to keep us mildly amused. Check out this trio of lowlights from yesterday's conclave to see if they stuck the landing after the new Pope was announced.

@ConclaveManCave

Formerly used as the account of a hostile Ryan Gosling before becoming an all-caps F-bomb bot, a name change and a flame-broiled popemobile provide a new home for tedious bro jokes.

@PopeSeagull

The superstar bird started with promise, appointing himself pontiff to set the stage for decrees on how a bird would run things at the Vatican. Sadly, it was followed by food jokes.

@Vatican_Seagull

Hashtag-bombing location updates filled the gaps between thoughts on NFL free agency and pleas to celebrities for TV drama guest roles.

Letters

Fair trade Easter

Consumers often contribute to the better well-being of other people in the world. This was true with fair trade coffee and is becoming more and more true with other fair trade goods, such as chocolate.

The purchase of fair trade certified products has important consequences.

It allows many producers to receive reasonable prices for their products and numerous workers and producers to climb out of poverty. It also has positive impacts on the environment.

About 200,000 slave children work on farms and cocoa plantations, some against their will, in the Ivory Coast, which is the world's leading producer, supplying 35 per cent of its cocoa. The working conditions can be extremely dangerous, and living conditions can be very poor.

We should all work towards a world where solidarity is at the heart of economic development. A fair trade Easter would be an immense step in this direction.

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SCENE 2

XX: celebrating 20 years

Great Big Sea.
Compilation double disc shows two sides of the Newfoundland folk rock trio

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Great Big Sea is two decades old and going strong. SUPPLIED

Newfoundland folk-rock band Great Big Sea celebrates its 20th anniversary with XX — a two-disc compilation and box set — and a great big tour of Canada and the U.S.

"It's great looking back, it's great looking ahead too, but we've never really been big fans of stopping to pat ourselves on the back," Alan Doyle says from Anaheim, Calif., where the band recently kicked off its tour.

"It felt like, 'It's 20 years, we should just do this for a moment,' like actually stop and pat ourselves on the back one time. So here we are doing it."

XX's first disc showcases Great Big Sea's pop side, containing fan favourites like When I'm Up (I Can't Get Down) and Run Runaway, while disc two covers the band's penchant for playing folk and traditional music.

Given Great Big Sea's practice of putting pop songs alongside sea shanties, it's probably safe to say Doyle, Bob Hallett and Séan McCann have introduced a few folks to folk music.

"That's a weighty responsibility, but it's been a joy to be the bearer of such good news," Doyle says. "It's like, 'Guys, guess what, I'm going to play you a Paul Brady (Irish singer-songwriter) song you've never heard' or 'I'm going to tell you about a band called The Chieftains (traditional Irish band).'

"That's been a real joy, going to places that are well versed in American bluegrass and Irish Celtic music and going 'We have songs like that in Canada, in Newfoundland.' You sing them a couple and they go 'How many more are there?' Well, hundreds and this is just one little place, one little island."

Doyle says introducing people to folk and traditional tunes is one of his favourite parts of being in Great Big Sea.

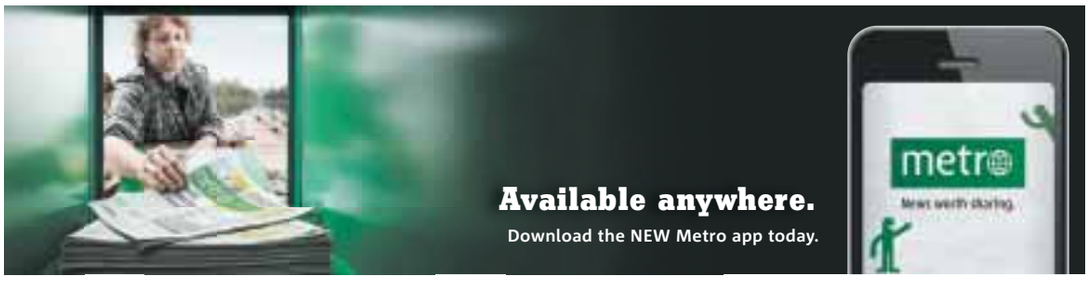
"We'll get stories like 'My four-year-old's favourite song is Old Black Rum.' Oh dear, really? Or 'My little guy wants to be Captain Kidd.'

"He wants to be a murderous pirate? One who gets shot and dies of gangrene?" Doyle says.

St. Patty's Day

- Great Big Sea plays the MTS Centre on Sunday, which fittingly, is St. Patrick's Day.
- Tickets range from $44.25 to $97.75 at Ticketmaster. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

"But it all comes from the right place. People make the music part of their lives, part of their families and their weddings, their celebrations. It's crazy."



What happens in Vegas stays with you

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. Jim Carrey talks about jerk magicians and the difficulties of shooting a film in Las Vegas

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Steve Carrell, left, Steve Buscemi and Jim Carrey star in The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. BEN GLASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For Jim Carrey, filming and promoting The Incredible Burt Wonderstone has meant spending a lot of time in Las Vegas, a truly unique city that apparently has quite the effect on the comic actor.

"There's everything here. You can't pinpoint it, this big Vegas glitzy thing. When you look out on the strip, it's blinding the energy that they have," Carrey says.

"I'm not a gambler, not the Sin City part of the deal. I like the shows."

One thing he doesn't like, though, is all the filtered air.

"I like being on the street in Vegas. I have trouble in the room," he says. "Nobody puts a window in that you can crack. I just get dryer and dryer. By day three, I'm beef jerky. I have crazy dreams here. Last night I had a dream that I had been shrunk down to the size of an insect and I was swallowed by a hungry giant and I went through his esophagus and into his stomach, and I was burned by his juices. By the time I got to the lower intestines, I wasn't anything that I could recognize. ... I woke up at ... the cashier at Bally's begging for another line of credit. I don't know if it was the Ambien or I have a gambling problem. If someone could give me $500, I swear I'm good for it. Seriously."

In The Incredible Burt Wonderstone, Carrey co-stars as Steve Gray, a Criss Angel-inspired edgy illusionist at odds with Steve Carell's more traditional titular magic man. While Gray and Wonderstone battle it out for a high-profile gig on the Strip, Carrey remembers his own days playing Vegas.

"I used to perform here with Rodney Dangerfield years ago at Caesar's. I used to open for him," he remembers. "I brought my dad down to the see the show. To see your name up on that big sign is such a thrill. 'Wow, I'm really here.' Then I had a shift and got away from impressions and I started dressing weird with spiky hair and started imitating cockroaches avoiding vacuum cleaners. I totally lost the audience, which of course I planned to do from time to time. Rodney Dangerfield used to stand backstage and howl with laughter at my failure. I'd come off stage and he'd say, 'Man, they're looking at you like your from another planet.'"

As for magicians, Carrey admits he hasn't always been the biggest fan.

"There's not a lot of differences between magicians and actors, although I think magicians are a lot more arrogant," Carrey says.

"That's what bothered me about magicians growing up. I was always fascinated by it growing up, they're kind of like, 'Abracadabra, you're an idiot!' They don't let you in on the joke. Comedians are in on the joke — unless you're Andy Kaufman."

Crazy Carrey

Setting the record straight

Jim Carrey is known for some bizarre behaviour — as his very active Twitter feed can attest. But over the course of his career, that reputation may have gotten a bit out of hand, he admits.

"The craziest rumour that I've heard about myself is that I have an iguana and that... it's written that I have to have a chef for my iguana," Carrey says. Total nonsense?

Well, not completely.

"I had an iguana, but I didn't have a chef for him."

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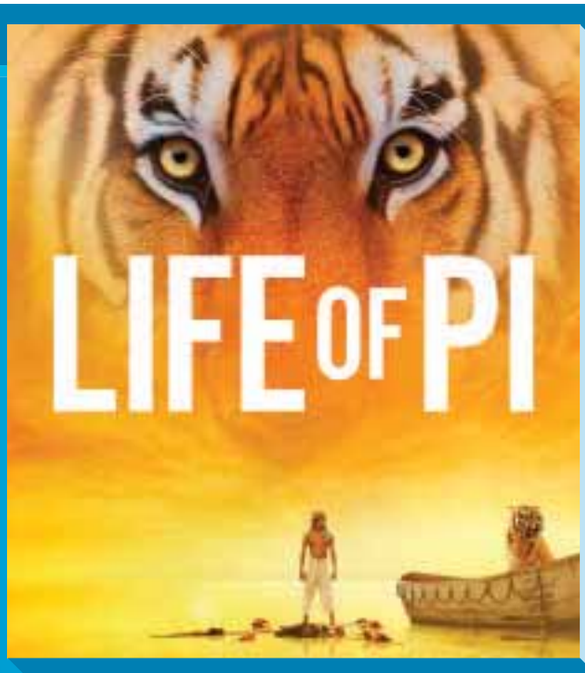

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Time well spent with the Beatles

Rare photos. Photographer Henry Grossman, who followed the Britpop crew for four years, shares stacks of unseen photos

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It was just another job for young photographer Henry Grossman when Time magazine hired him to shoot behind-the-scenes images of the Beatles' first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show.

But that telecast ended up being an iconic moment in rock history and that one-off assignment ended up spanning four years as Grossman followed the Fab Four to the Bahamas and Austria during the production of Help!

Photos from those years can be found in Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, which showcases more than 1,000 of Grossman's photographs from his time with the iconic band, most of them never seen before.

"I wasn't a fan of the music particularly," Grossman says.

"I always listened to classical music, opera, concert music, that kind of stuff. But I became a fan of them. They were some of the best people I've ever known."

After shooting more than 6,500 snapshots of the band between 1964 and 1968, Grossman filed his unpublished photos away and never gave much thought to them again.

"I was busy," he says. "I was going to the White House, photographing Broadway shows, political personalities, poets, writers. I put the photos away in an archive. I thought I had exhausted everything that could be done with them."

Publishers Brian Kehew and Kevin Ryan thought differently. After discovering Grossman's horde, they worked with him to assemble Places I Remember: My Time With the Beatles, a collection of more than 1,000 of Grossman's photographs, almost all of them never seen before.

A true Beatles fan

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Henry Grossman
Talking about covering the Beatles in their early years

Besides his photography career, Grossman worked as an actor and Wagnerian tenor, performing on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera.

He studied with Lee Strasberg alongside classmates like Dustin Hoffman and Elliott Gould. But he still looks back fondly on his years with the Beatles.

"Looking at the photos in this book is like revisiting old friends," he says. "I thought they were charming, witty, intelligent. As I got to know them, I realized how unique each one of them was individually, and also how unique they were as a group. They were terrific fun."

Paul McCartney is seen in a rare photo by Henry Grossman. HANDOUT

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Dropkick Murphys. Punk legends returning to their musical roots after a tepid last album

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How do you follow an intricate concept album? If you're the Dropkick Murphys you go back to basics. And the result, with the January-released Signed and Sealed in Blood, is a rip-roaring Boston celtic punk classic.

"The previous record being a concept album was very much mental gymnastics," says Dropkick's co-founder Ken Casey. "It was a great songwriting exercise. But this time we felt like kids in a candy store ready to write a good, old-fashioned punk-rock record. It never would have happened or sounded like this if the other one hadn't been like it was — or come as quick."

Musical group Dropkick Murphys perform onstage during the First-Ever Call of Duty XP at the Stages at Playa Vista in Los Angeles. HANDOUT

Right from the foot-stomping opener The Boys Are Back, the seven-man band wear their pent-up punk-rock energy on their tattooed sleeves.

"It's difficult writing a song, but when you're trying to tie all the songs into a larger story, it steers you into directions you might not want to go in," adds Casey. "This one is a simpler record."

The folky Rose Tattoo finds the Dropkicks collaborating with Mumford and Sons banjo player Winston Marshall, where the pace gears down.

"Even though this album doesn't have a true ballad, we slow it down," he says, "but without pulling the rug from under the record."

Fan favourite

A return for a Barroom Hero

Among the hundreds of songs the Dropkick Murphys have under their belt, Barroom Hero is a clear fan favourite.

"We'd taken it out of the set," Ken Casey says.

"Then people stared saying, 'What the hell are you doing not playing that song?'"

The song has a long history with the group and a bit of sentimentality to it too.

"It was the first song we ever wrote, even before we started the band. It's one of those songs that's always been a staple. You play a song every time for 17 years, they're either going to love it or hate it."

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Post-surgery, Lady Gaga got some shiny new wheels. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lady Gaga: the woman with the golden wheelchair

Lady Gaga is recovering from hip surgery in style.

The singer reportedly tapped designer Ken Borochov for a custom 24-karat gold wheelchair, according to E! News. "I certainly wasn't expecting that phone call and have never done a wheelchair, but am always up for a challenge and was thrilled to create what I affectionately dubbed the Chariot, a chair for a queen," Borochov says in a statement.

Hawaiians: watch out for nude, singing stars in a backyard near you.

Dream on, paparazzi: new Hawaiian law named after Aerosmith singer

Hawaii's state senate has passed the Steven Tyler Act, which gives celebrities the right to sue paparazzi over unwanted photos and videos taken of them, and the man for whom the act is named couldn't be more thrilled. "(In Hawaii,) they are allowed in with their lenses and they get the most intimate of shots. Not on my watch," he tells Billboard. "Now at least Joe (Perry) and I can go to Maui and walk around naked in the back lawn and write some crazy songs."

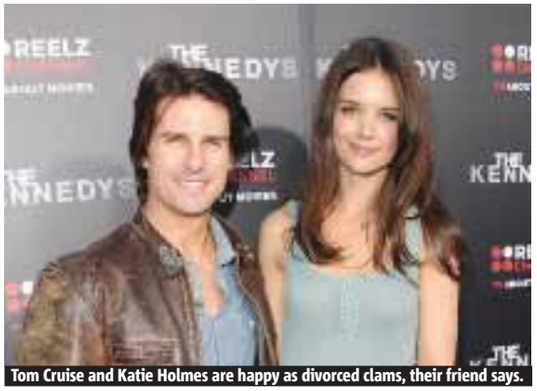
The Word

Twitter joke makes Beliebers go Wilde

Olivia Wilde has learned the hard way not to criticize Justin Bieber, as her post to Twitter earlier this month imploring the pop star to "put your f–ing shirt on" earned her more than 17,000 angry responses from Bieber fans.

"It's pretty much the funniest thing that's ever happened to me because my Twitter feed is now filled with the most hilarious abuse," she says during a visit to the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "One of them was like, 'Are you a lesbian or are you too old?' That's great, because it's a question I never asked myself before."

Wilde is making light of the threats to her safety, telling CNN, "I'm going to get attacked with acid. Someone's going to throw acid in my face. If that happens, there are 35 million Beliebers that did it, so find them."



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are happy as divorced clams, their friend says.

Tom and Kate are doing just swell after split, says mutual friend

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, at least according to director Adam Shankman, who is friends with both.

Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's high-profile split last summer, the two are doing just swell.

"They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting (All You Need Is Kill) in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy," Shankman adds.

Twitter

@TheSlyStallone
No S. Seagal, sorry ,but maybe we get lucky with J. Chan! And some young bloods!!! (on the cast of the Expendables 3)

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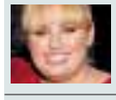

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How to open up a can of kickass

Marc his words.

The fashion world's favourite bad boy takes a moment from his mid-life crisis to chat with Metro

Next month you'll turn 50. What do you have planned for your mid-life crisis?
My mid-life crisis has been going on for 20 years. I don't see it as a crisis at all. I think it's quite an adventure — not a crisis for me. I'm not going to buy a Corvette or anything like that — I guess that's someone else's mid-life crisis.

You've said you don't have any big party plans but you seem to enjoy wearing some pretty outrageous outfits like that pink polo shirt dress. Do you enjoy getting dressed up?
I do enjoy it. I love attention. I'm very honest about it. There were years where I just didn't want to do press and I didn't really care about my appearance and I sort of shied away from things like that. But in order to enjoy them, I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt. Also, I feel like I need to relate to that joy and that ritual of going shopping and finding something to wear and then wearing it. I think being connected to that makes me a better designer. It's sort of like practising what you preach. I wouldn't really be doing my job if I didn't do that.

What's your relationship like with Kate Moss?
Kate Moss? She just texted me. We've been on holiday together. We were in Ibiza a few years ago with her daughter (Lila Grace), (photographers) Mert (Alas) and Marcus (Piggott) and some friends of mine. I've spent a great deal of time with Kate over the years. We genuinely like each other — we just click.

She regularly closes your show. Do you ask her or vice-versa?
It works both ways. She's expressed interest and of course, I've expressed interest in wanting her in a show. Over the past few years, it's kind of like the Vuitton show is the only show she'll do. It's kind of just become this thing.

Jacobs' Diet Coke designs were inspired by three decades of female empowerment: the '80s, '90s and '00s. PROVIDED

The Marc By Marc Jacobs Fall 2013 fashion show.
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Your last Louis Vuitton shows had sexual undertones. How does sex influence your work?

Just Jacobs

"I have to be me and sometimes that means wearing a pink dress, a lace dress or a kilt."
Marc Jacobs

Sex is a big part of my life. It's a very big part of most people's lives whether they want to admit it or not. I don't know, sometimes when collections feel more personal there's more of an undercurrent of things that are of an emotional nature. When I dream, there's this darkness, this melancholy side, there's this sexual tension and then there's this kind of identity thing that goes on. An element of role-play and honesty. In the collections that I feel most proud, there are personal feelings and emotions that make it human.

You're in great shape and so is Tom Ford. Who's the bigger stud and why?
I don't know. I don't compete with Tom Ford. Tom's a friend of mine and I think Tom's terrific. He's a great looking guy and all of that but I certainly don't set out to compete with Tom (laughs). I wouldn't compare anything of mine to anything of his.

How does the inspiration and working process for you differ between your Marc Jacobs and Louis Vuitton collections?
The New York collection is very personal to my life growing up in New York. My collection in Paris is very much about my life in Paris, which is a bit of more of a fantasy life, that of being a French designer and working with the great ateliers of Paris — it feels a little bit like I'm looking in on a different world.

Are there too many designer collaborations?
No, no. It's always a two-way street. If nobody had any interest in designers doing cans and bottles for Coca-Cola, then Diet Coke wouldn't ask designers to do it. It's about supply and demand.

Do you think that fashion houses are creating too many collections these days?
It is too much but I don't actively participate in all of it to the same degree. I know when I'm most needed and that's when I rise to the occasion and I don't think any one person does do that much. They might say that they do but they don't.

Cigarettes, coffee and Diet Coke, would you say that you've got an addictive personality?
Well, let's not put cigarettes in the same category as Diet Coke. Hmm, cigarette smoking is my bad habit, I'd say. It's my biggest vice and bad habit — I don't recommend it.

Decades of Diet Coke

Eighties girl power

The nineties go glam

The sporty noughties

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Products working hard every season

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As winter slowly melts away and the thermometer steadily rises, we start dealing with that in between weather, where the temperature can be unpredictable. But now the boundaries between interior and exterior furniture and equipment are coming together in style and functionality. Here's a group of useful home decor products that not only live up to good style but also serve us well, whatever Mother Nature throws at us.

Black-out drapes

Keep cold drafts away during winter months and cut the bright summer sun with a drape that's right on trend. This light silk/satin drape with a block-out liner is affordable and stylish. Tip: In order to keep maximum light out, overlap the sides and top of your window by six inches to guarantee light doesn't creep in.

AZUKI Blackout Drape, from $30, bouclair.ca

Hot-cold fan

Add a little heat on those still-chilly nights and when summer arrives switch this all-in-one heater-fan over to a cool breeze. No visible heating elements or fan blades gives this a fresh, sleek style.

Nickel finish Dyson Hot + Cool fan heater, $450, dyson.ca

Entrance organizing

Whether inside or out, a place to organize is always welcome. A bench, storage and hanging combo not only looks good but also keeps you organized. Durable enough for outside yet streamlined enough for in the house.

The APPLARO bench is a perfect place to perch. $149, ikea.ca

Heated trivet

Go from cosy indoor entertaining to dining alfresco with a microwavable hot plate. Just a quick zap for two minutes keeps it hot for up to an hour.

Mastrad Microwavable Hot Plate, $50, sears.ca

Trendy pillows

Take the hot looks of inside to the great outdoors without worry — these indoor/outdoor pillows are water and fade resistant! Tip: Use indoor/outdoor fabric items for their durability in heavy-use spaces like kids play areas and recreation rooms.

Lattice Pillows, $30/set of two, homesense.ca

Grilling from inside to out

Use as an electric grill in your kitchen or on the patio. A 1,600-watt electric grilling element offers plenty of fast heat for grilling and cooking.

George Foreman Indoor/Outdoor Electric Barbecue Grill. $130, bedbathandbeyond.ca

Can't find your wallpaper? Create it online

Decor. Creating custom fabrics and wallpapers is now as easy as logging onto your computer

Shop owner J Frank, left, and Sarah Rowland with the wallpaper she designed for Dixie Donuts in Richmond, Va. The owners asked Rowland to design a custom wallpaper for an accent wall. SARAH ROWLAND/JAY PAUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Renee Pedro bought a house with mid-century decor, she decided to embrace the look.

Drawing inspiration from the 1963 Philco oven in her kitchen, she began hunting for towels and table linens with a mod '60s vibe to complement the appliance.

"That oven was my style. My thing," said Pedro, of Philadelphia.

She was disappointed by the lack of choices, and in 2009 began looking for a way to create her own textiles to decorate the kitchen. "I couldn't find something that fit my esthetic, so I decided to make it," she said.

After a year of looking online, she found a company that would allow her to design her own fabric. Now she runs her own online business, Crashpaddesigns.com, selling tea towels, pillow cases and table linens in mod, bright, geometric or flowered patterns that she designs herself.

Many companies have begun to offer consumers the chance to create custom fabrics and wallpapers. Advances in printing have made it more affordable to create small runs, and to make high-quality products faster and cheaper, said Aaron Kirsch, president of Astek Wallcovering Inc. in Van Nuys, Calif.

He sells directly to consumers via his company's website, Designyourwall.com. The company also makes custom products for the fashion, hospitality and motion picture industries. Demand for the custom products has been steadily rising, Kirsch said.

"Custom wall covering ... has gone ballistic," he said.

Homeowners can create their own wall covering for about $6.50 a square foot, he said.

Custom fabrics run about $18 to $30 a yard, said Rysa Pitner, founder of Fabric on Demand in Los Angeles.

Custom options appeal to "individuals who love to author their own stuff," she said. You can upload photos, original artwork or computer-generated designs on her company's website, Fabricondemand.com.

Some manufacturers have designers who help customers develop the look they want. Do-it-yourself designers can usually preview the order online or order a sample piece. It normally takes less than a month for orders to be processed. The websites also have a wide variety of premade patterns available.

Creating rolls of wallpaper for an accent wall or producing yards of fabric to make curtains, bedding or furniture covering allows homeowners to create layers of design that contribute to the look they are after, added Los Angeles designer Kate Albrecht, who runs the website Mrkate.com.

"It's a layered look where they feel like each little element of a room speaks about their personality," she said.

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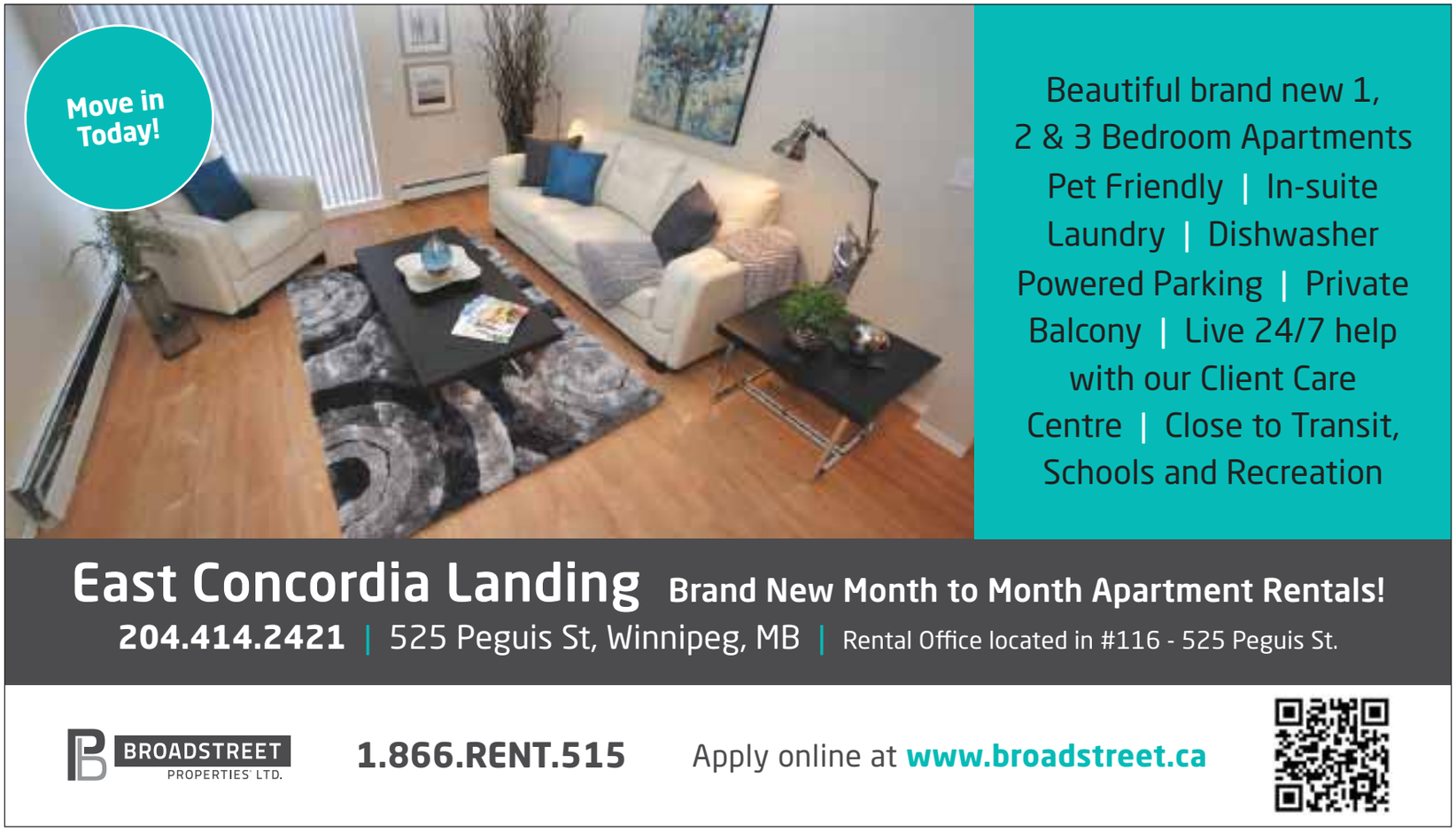
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Lemon Poppy Seed Loaf

This recipe serves 16. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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This is a delicious and versatile loaf that can be served at breakfast or brunch or for dessert at dinner. If you prefer muffins, just spray 12 muffin cups with vegetable oil, pour in the batter and bake in a 375 F oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-x5- inch loaf pan with cooking oil.

2. For cake, combine the granulated sugar, oil, egg, lemon rind and 3 tbsp juice in a large bowl or a food processor. Mix well. Add milk, mixing thoroughly.

3. Combine the flour, poppy seeds, baking powder and baking soda. Add to the wet mixture alternately with the yogurt, mixing just until incorporated. Do not overmix.

4. Pour into the prepared pan and bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre of the cake comes out dry. Set the pan on a rack to cool for 10 minutes. The centre of the cake may sink slightly when it cools.

5. For a glaze, combine the icing sugar and 2 tbsp lemon juice. Prick holes in the top of the loaf with a fork or wooden skewer and pour the glaze over the loaf.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp grated lemon rind
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup 2% yogurt or light sour cream
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

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1. In saucepan over high heat, bring juice beverage to boil and boil until reduced by half. Let cool slightly. Stir in honey, maple syrup and oil. Set aside.

2. In large bowl, stir together oats, coconut, banana, pineapple, almonds, macadamia nuts, apricot, mango, pumpkin seeds, ginger and salt. Pour juice mixture over top; toss to coat.

3. Spread evenly on 2 greased or parchment paper-lined rimmed baking sheets. Bake in 325 F (160 C) oven for 30 minutes, rotating pans and stirring once, or until granola is golden.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup Minute Maid Chilled Mango Juice Beverage
- 1/3 cup liquid honey
- 3 tbsp maple syrup
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 cups large-flake rolled oats
- 11/2 cups unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 1/2 cups dried banana chips
- 1 cup chopped dried pine apple
- 1 cup whole raw almonds
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricot
- 1/2 cup chopped dried mango
- 1/3 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt

NHL

Canadiens sink Sens in shootout

Alex Galchenyuk and Lars Eller scored in a shootout Wednesday as the Montreal Canadiens won their fourth straight, 4-3 over the Ottawa Senators.

Eller scored in the first period and Brendan Gallagher and P.K. Subban added power-play goals in the second for Montreal (18-5-4), which played loosely in its first game at home after a five-game road trip.

Mika Zibanejad and Daniel Alfredsson had power-play goals for Ottawa (13-8-6), while Patrick Wiercioch also scored for the Senators, who are 1-2-4 in their last seven.

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NBA

Heat streak hits 20 in Philadelphia

LeBron James scored 27 points and the Miami Heat became the fourth team to win at least 20 consecutive games in a season, rallying to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 98-94 on Wednesday night.

Dwyane Wade added 21 as the Heat needed big baskets over the final two minutes to top the Sixers.

Only three teams have won at least 20 consecutive games in the same season: The 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers (33), the 2007-08 Houston Rockets (22) and the 1970-71 Milwaukee Bucks (20). The Washington Capitols won 20 straight, spanning the end of the 1947-48 season and the start of the 1948-49 campaign.

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Jets defenceman Dustin Byfuglien checks Carl Gunnarsson of the Maple Leafs at the MTS Centre on Tuesday. TREVOR HAGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘You can’t take your foot off the pedal’

NHL. Jets look to duplicate last home victory with physical brand of hockey

Team player

“I don’t think Chris is a heavyweight but he’s willing to do the things necessary for his teammates.”

Jets coach Claude Noel giving credit to Chris Thorburn, who fought Colton Orr Tuesday

After pulling their best home game this season out of the hat Tuesday, the Winnipeg Jets have to do it again against the New York Rangers to stay in the playoff hunt.

“I think you can’t take your foot off the pedal, that’s the first thing, we don’t want to get back to mediocrity,” coach Claude Noel said Wednesday.

“I think last night we were proud of the way we played and that’s the way we need to continue to play.”

The Jets got down and dirty with the Toronto Maple Leafs and came out on top with a 5-2 win, probably their most convincing this season — certainly their most convincing at home. They have the worst home record in the Eastern Conference at 5-6-0.

The win brought them into a tie for eighth with New York at 28 points. Another win Thursday night would help them vault over the Rangers and take sole possession of the final spot above the line that means either playoff contention or an early golf season.

Of course, New York also wants the same thing, particularly after a lacklustre effort Tuesday night in Buffalo where they bowed 3-1 to the Sabres and were slammed by coach John Tortorella.

The Jets said they knew the Leafs like physical hockey and came out ready to deliver their own brand, and said there is more in the cupboard.

“I think the physicality of our game and the intensity really led to a solid 60-minute game,” said Noel. “I think that’s going to be one of the key things here at home.”

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Jets face test in hosting East’s beasts

Jets blue-liner Ron Hainsey and goalie Ondrej Pavelec defend against Leaf Phil Kessel on Tuesday. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

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Winners of eight of their past 12, the Jets are on a roll. It’s strange that their Achilles heel has been at home this season, which is why their convincing, spirited 5-2 win over Toronto at the MTS Centre Tuesday has excited the playoff senses. Despite that, we’d be getting too far ahead of ourselves to assume the home drought has been quenched.

Don’t forget the Maple Leafs, despite the buzz around them this season, have now lost three in a row and are settling into a lull. The Jets certainly caught them at an opportune time — but their next matchup won’t be so convenient.

The New York Rangers, unlike the Leafs, are an etched-in-stone contender. And they’ve caught some heat. The Rangers have won five of seven and Rick Nash looks more comfortable with six goals and 11 points in that span. Even worse, New York is coming off a lacklustre loss to the lowly Sabres, after which coach John Tortorella said of his team, “We sucked.”

Tortorella is angry. You think that team will come out flat?

The following Tuesday the Bruins come to town for another stiff test. These are two Eastern Goliaths trending up, not a middling team in the midst of a slump. Two wins would be major statements for the Jets, not only for getting over the home hurdle, but for toppling two top teams. Two losses and the Jets are still on the bubble.

A slew of intra-conference home games against Washington, Carolina and Tampa Bay follow, which are perhaps the most crucial ones to win on the near-future home calendar. The bottom line is, there’s a long way to go and much more consistency to find before the Jets find their home legs.

And if they finally do, there’s still the challenge of keeping up the road victories. A difficult proposition in and of itself.

From Brady to Manning: Broncos bring in Welker

Wes Welker dives for a touchdown while with the New England Patriots during a game against the Jaguars on Dec. 23 in Jacksonville, Fla. Welker signed with the Denver Broncos on Wednesday. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

NFL. A year after signing future hall of fame QB, Denver brings in top receiver

Wes Welker is saying goodbye to Tom Brady and hello to Peyton Manning.

After spending six years with Brady in New England, the Pro Bowl receiver agreed to a two-year deal Wednesday to team up with Manning in Denver.

The Welker signing was the highlight of a big day for the Broncos, who once again made a major splash in free agency.

Denver also came to terms on a two-year deal with defensive tackle Terrance Knighton, formerly of Jacksonville, and a one-year contract with linebacker Stewart Bradley, who played with the Cardinals the past two seasons.

Last year, the Broncos won the high-stakes contest to sign Manning, prompting Broncos boss John Elway to quip, "Plan B? I don't have a Plan B. We're going with Plan A."

Coming off a 13-3 season during which the Broncos looked like a Super Bowl contender before losing to Baltimore in the division round of the playoffs, Elway is clearly on the same path this time.

He picked up the league's most productive receiver to play in the slot where Brandon Stokley was last season. Welker's five 100-catch seasons are the most in the NFL. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his past five seasons and was an All-Pro four of the past five years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

High standards

Wes Welker caught 118 passes for 1,354 yards and scored six touchdowns last year, helping the Pats go 12-4 and make the AFC title game before they also fell to Baltimore.

- The Broncos are banking the same relationship can blossom between their 37-year-old future hall of fame quarterback Peyton Manning and his newest target, Welker, who is 31.
- On his Twitter account, John Elway tweeted: "Excited to have Wes join the Broncos. His production & toughness will be a great asset!"

MLB spring training

Concern surrounds Phillies' Halladay

With Ryan Howard and Chase Utley seemingly back on track, an encouraging spring for the Philadelphia Phillies took a downward turn after Roy Halladay's last start sounded the alarms.

Though Halladay can't be expected to pitch like he did in 2010-11, the Phillies need him to be better than last year when he was 11-8 with a 4.49 ERA. Halladay got roughed up by Detroit on Tuesday. His velocity was down and he had trouble locating his pitches. He immediately dismissed any injury, but manager Charlie Manuel and pitching coach Rich Dubee were concerned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roy Halladay during Tuesday's 10-6 loss to the Tigers. Halladay gave up seven runs in 2 2/3 innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure skating. Chan skates up to expectations in worlds short program

Canada's Patrick Chan began his charge for his third consecutive world title with a victory in the short program and a world-record score.

The 22-year-old from Toronto, who clearly looks to have turned the corner from a shaky season, earned 98.37 points for his performance to music by Rachmaninov at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont.

Chan landed a huge quad toe loop in a combination, followed by a clean triple Axel, and had the crowd at Budweiser Gardens on its feet long before he finished the final turn of his last spin.

Denis Ten of Kazakhstan is in second with 91.56 points.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., the perennial national runner-up to Chan, is third with 85.16. One of the world's biggest jumpers, Reynolds was the only skater in the field to do two quads — the second one with a wobbly landing — scoring 85.16 points.

Patrick Chan after his short program skate on Wednesday night in London, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Earlier in the day, Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford laid down a pairs short program good enough to leave the Canadians in second place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"It's a matter of luck, it's a matter of how much work you put in, and how much confidence you have in the work you put in."

Canadian figure skater Patrick Chan on his success at the world championships

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	49	14	.778	—
Indiana	40	24	.625	9 1/2
New York	38	23	.623	10
Brooklyn	38	27	.585	12
Chicago	35	28	.556	14
Boston	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Atlanta	35	29	.547	14 1/2
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	17
Toronto	**25**	**40**	**.385**	**25**
Philadelphia	24	40	.375	25 1/2
Detroit	23	43	.348	27 1/2
Cleveland	22	42	.344	27 1/2
Washington	21	42	.333	28
Orlando	18	47	.277	32
Charlotte	14	50	.219	35 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	16	.754	—
Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	1 1/2
Memphis	43	19	.694	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	4
Denver	43	22	.662	6
Golden State	36	29	.554	13
Houston	34	30	.531	14 1/2
Utah	33	31	.516	15 1/2
L.A. Lakers	34	32	.515	15 1/2
Dallas	30	33	.476	18
Portland	29	34	.460	19
Minnesota	22	40	.355	25 1/2
Phoenix	22	42	.344	26 1/2
New Orleans	22	43	.338	27
Sacramento	22	43	.338	27

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 107 Minnesota 91
Miami 98 Philadelphia 94
Washington 106 Milwaukee 93
Atlanta 96 L.A. Lakers 92
Boston 112 **Toronto 88**
Phoenix at Houston
Utah at Oklahoma City
Chicago at Sacramento
New York at Denver
Detroit at Golden State
Memphis at L.A. Clippers

THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	27	19	8	0	100	78	38
New Jersey	27	13	9	5	70	77	31
NY Rangers	25	13	10	2	64	61	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	28	12	15	1	77	87	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	27	18	5	4	88	69	40
Boston	24	17	4	3	72	53	37
Ottawa	27	13	8	6	64	58	32
Toronto	27	15	11	1	81	75	31
Buffalo	27	10	14	3	70	84	23

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	25	15	9	1	79	69	31
Winnipeg	26	13	11	2	68	76	28
Tampa Bay	26	11	14	1	88	81	23
Washington	25	10	14	1	69	76	21
Florida	27	7	14	6	66	101	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
St. Louis	26	14	10	2	80	79	30
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
Nashville	26	11	9	6	58	61	28
Columbus	27	10	12	5	62	74	25

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	25	12	7	6	68	68	30
Minnesota	25	13	10	2	59	61	28
Edmonton	26	10	11	5	64	76	25
Colorado	25	10	11	4	62	73	24
Calgary	24	9	11	4	64	82	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	25	19	3	3	87	63	41
Los Angeles	25	14	9	2	73	65	30
Phoenix	26	13	10	3	77	74	29
San Jose	25	11	8	6	58	61	28
Dallas	25	12	11	2	67	71	26

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 4 Ottawa 3 (SO)
New Jersey 5 Philadelphia 2
Detroit at Calgary

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 3 NY Rangers 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Carolina 4 Washington 0
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 5 Toronto 2
St. Louis 4 San Jose 2
Anaheim 2 Minnesota 1
Nashville 4 Dallas 0
Edmonton 4 Colorado 0
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	2	0	0	3	1	6
Columbus	1	1	0	4	2	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	4	3	3
Philadelphia	1	1	0	3	4	3
Houston	1	0	0	2	0	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	2	2	3
New England	1	0	0	1	0	3
D.C.	1	1	0	1	2	3
New York	0	1	1	4	5	1
Chicago	0	2	0	0	5	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Vancouver	2	0	0	3	1	6
Los Angeles	1	0	0	4	0	3
Chivas USA	1	1	0	3	4	3
Real Salt Lake	1	1	0	2	1	3
FC Dallas	1	1	0	2	3	3
San Jose	1	1	0	2	3	3
Portland	0	1	1	4	5	1
Colorado	0	2	0	1	3	0
Seattle	0	1	0	0	1	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

D.C. at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 4 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Make your own decisions today and live with the consequences. Nothing bad is going to happen at all but you must be prepared to go out on a limb and risk being the odd one out.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If someone is giving you a hard time then by all means give them a hard time in return. But make sure you get it right as this is one of those days when too much emotion could lead to costly mistakes.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone who claims to be one thing is something else entirely. You are advised to take what they tell you with a large grain of salt, especially if it sounds too good to be true.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Sometimes you are too sensitive for your own good but today you will go to the other extreme. You just cannot be bothered to respond to other people's criticisms.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to open your eyes and be aware of the trends that are taking shape. Business and financial matters, in particular, could cause a few problems today so make sure you are in control at all times.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Friends and loved ones don't want to do what you want to do, which is frustrating. Compromise is possible but you must be serious about it. If you fail to deliver on what you promise, it could cause a rift.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone wants to undermine your confidence. Don't let them. Keep things in perspective today and, above all, don't let trivial matters, or trivial people, upset you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let the world know you are vulnerable. For too long you have given the impression that you are as cold as ice. You're not. You know it's an act. It's time other people knew it too.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone has deceived you and, of course, you are not in the least bit happy about it. But no matter how hard done by you feel you must not blow your top. If you do, you will only make matters worse.

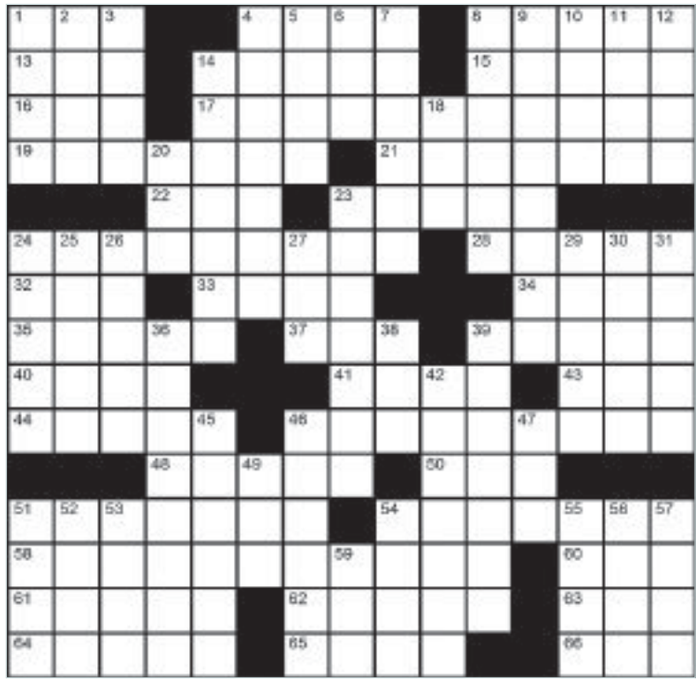
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are trying too hard to live up to what other people expect of you. It's what you expect of yourself that matters, nothing more, nothing less. Be yourself, now and always.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have made up your mind about a personal matter but you should keep it to yourself for now. The planets indicate that your views will change radically over the next few days. Leave wriggle room.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how loudly someone says you are on the wrong track you must ignore them and carry on as before. Even if they are right — and they're not – it doesn't matter. All roads lead to where you need to go. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

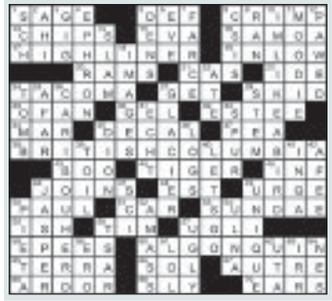
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Concert-goer's purchase, for short
4. Nicknamed baseball star, _-__
8. Norway-like feature in Gros Morne National Park, Nfld.
13. 'Buff' add-on
14. Friend, in Florence
15. Keenly interested
16. Playboy Mansion's man, for short
17. First Canadian astronaut in space: 2 wds.
19. Get back together
21. Mid-afternoon, __ _ _
22. UN workers' gr.
23. Ms. O'Donnell
24. Comedian/actor from Newmarket, ON: 2 wds.
28. Its capital is Damascus
32. Irish actress Ms. O'Connor
33. Nautical ropes
34. Director Mr. Howard's
35. Jazz singer, Carmen __
37. However
39. Attach a patch: 2 wds.
40. Light baseball hit
41. "I'd hate to break up _ __..."
43. Hydrocarbon suffix
44. Mr. Hershiser's of baseball
46. 'A.' of Sir John A. Macdonald
48. Shield in Greek mythology
50. In favour
51. Princess Diana's maiden name
54. Snug
58. Main building on Parliament Hill: 2 wds.
60. Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
61. Mr. Schwarzenegger, to fans
62. Cordiality
63. NFL's Bengals, on scoreboards
64. Respond
65. Belonging to Axl Rose's rock gr.
66. Senators, on scoreboards

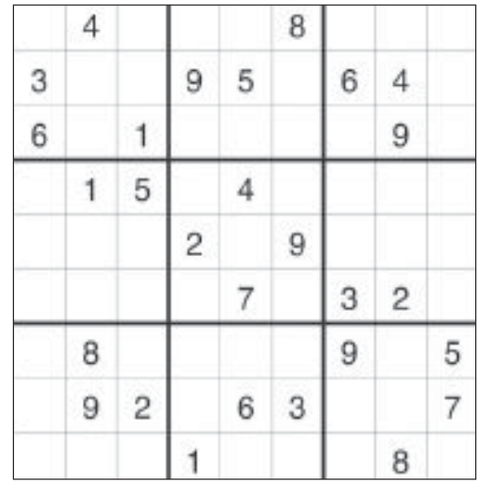
Down
1. Wild goat-like animal (1986)
2. __ Wyck (Book of 1941 by Victoria artist Emily Carr)
3. Bean curd product
4. Romantic
5. Laugh: French
6. Line of work [abbr.]
7. PetSmart purchase: 2 wds.
8. "__ Bueller's Day Off"
9. Thornfield Hall governess: 2 wds.
10. Decorative curved arch
11. Harvest
12. Play like Ringo
14. Running-behind person's query, "__ _ __?"
18. Ohs partners
20. Mr. Cage, to pals
23. Closes again
24. Extra large
25. Acquire, as debt
26. Seine tributary in France
27. "Video Games" singer: Lana Del __
29. Was using oars
30. Hole-__-__
31. Actor Ed
36. East Coast ocean
38. Dangerous fly, when doubled
39. "__ & Hutch" (2004)
42. Anticipates
45. Clandestine
46. Car safety feature
47. TLC's "What __ to Wear"
49. "Gosh."
51. Red Hot Chili Peppers song: "__ Tissue"
52. Father: French
53. Resort town in Sicily
54. Movie genre, Film __
55. "The __-Motion" by Little Eva
56. Leave
57. Elvis Presley hit: "__ Be Cruel"
59. Alphabet sequence

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	9	5	6	8	3	1	4	7
3	2	9	8	4	6	5	7	1
6	4	1	3	5	7	9	8	2
5	8	7	1	9	2	4	3	6
9	5	3	7	6	8	2	1	4
1	6	2	4	3	5	7	9	8
8	7	4	2	1	9	6	5	3

Weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAX: -4° MIN: -9°	MAX: -13° MIN: -23°	MAX: -11° MIN: -12°

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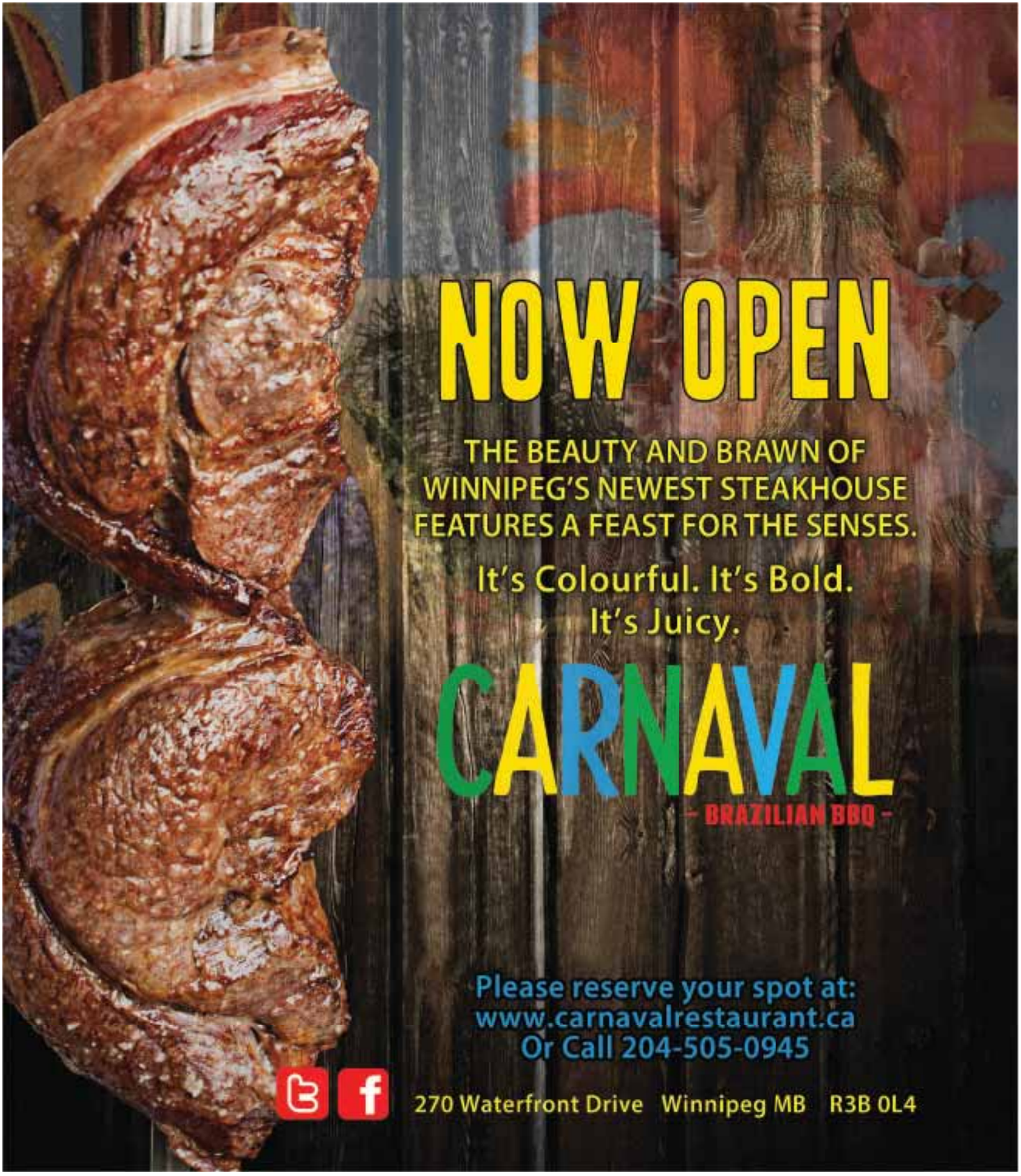
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